

JUDGE RONALD B. LEIGHTON

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RYAN ANDREW HAMBURG,

Defendant.

NO. CR04-51345RBL

DEFENDANT'S LETTERS RE:
SENTENCING

Defendant, Ryan Hamburg, through his counsel, Assistant Federal Public Defender Jerome Kuh, hereby submits the attached letters for the Court's consideration at the sentencing hearing in this matter.

DATED this 10th day of March, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jerome Kuh

Jerome Kuh

Attorney for Defendant

DEFENDANT'S LETTER RE:
SENTENCING HEARING
(HAMBURG) - 1

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 10th day of March, 2005, I caused to be delivered by electronic filing a copy of Defendant's Letters Re: Sentencing Hearing to:

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Ms. Becky Miller
United States Probation Office
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Sent via facsimile

DATED this 10th day of March, 2005.


Amy Strickling

February 16, 2005

Jerome Kuh
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Please pass this to Ryan's Judge.

I am writing on behalf of my nephew, Ryan Andrew Hamburg. It took awhile before his Oregon relatives on his Dad's side of the family found out about his crime. He is deeply embarrassed about what he did, as well as the consequences he has dealt with, starting with the arrest. I get the impression this ordeal has been stunning and he wants to do what has to be done to pay his debt and then move forward with life and work. It has been a very long year.

Ryan was a great child who was happy sitting alone with legos or playing competitive soccer. He did well with change; from moving around alot, to spur of the moment change of plans. Four years ago, when Ryan was just shy of turning 17, and my son was six, the three of us drove to Disneyland for what was all our first times there. It was a great, 17-day trip and I enjoyed spending time with Ryan before busy, young adulthood took over his life. He was a good sport about riding the kiddie rides with his cousin (so I wouldn't have to) and otherwise helping with whatever needed to be done.

Does it help to know about who is writing this? I have a B. A. in History from Portland State University. I have worked for the City of Portland as a 911 calltaker and dispatcher for police, fire and EMS for 17 years. I have been buying my home for 14 years. I am a single parent of a ten-year-old boy who is in scouts, as well as fencing and hiphop dance classes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne K. Hamburg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and address.

Anne K. Hamburg
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To: Jerome Kuh
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From: John and Katherine Hamburg
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Subject: #34054-086 Ryan Hamburg Letter for Judge to Read

We are Ryan's grandparents and would like to tell you a few things about him and his background. We have always been very proud of him, he is respectful, kind, intelligent and has been a loving member of our family.

Our times together have included many visits to our home, holiday celebrations and trips to the beach. He has enriched our lives over the years in ways too numerous to say.

We have been greatly saddened by the situation that he now finds himself in and believe that he will learn hard lessons from the experience. To our knowledge or observation, he has had nothing even remotely resembling this problem in the past. We would have no hesitation having him around young children. In our minds his error in judgement results from being naive and overly curious. The internet poses challenges unimagined in earlier times.

Hopefully he will be given another chance to show his good qualities and build a better future. He has many friends and family who care very much about him. We all love and miss him.

Sincerely,

Katherine L. Hamburg
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John W. Hamburg
John W. Hamburg